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Ms. Susan Nachtrieb  
City of Westminster  
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RE: OU 2 IM/IRAs

Dear Ms. Nachtrieb:

We have received your letter of April 10, 1991, regarding the progress of IM/IRA efforts in OU 2 at Rocky Flats, and would like to clarify several of the issues it raised.

Following the public comment period for the proposed OU 2 IM/IRA plan, DOE contacted EPA and suggested eliminating collection of Woman Creek basin seep waters from the proposal. They felt this was the most sensible response to the numerous comments which indicated strong opposition to the proposed action (or any action) in the Woman Creek basin. EPA concurred with this position, and agreed that a new IM/IRA should be initiated for the Woman Creek basin, while the Walnut Creek portion of the plan proceeded. This change in approach was discussed during a meeting at Westminster City Hall on February 14, 1991, at which time it was mentioned that the new (Woman Creek) IM/IRA would start from the beginning and proceed through the same review and approval process the original (Walnut Creek) action was then completing. This review process is specifically designed to ensure public involvement; it is time consuming, and its completion precludes performance of both actions on the same schedule.

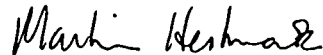
In recent correspondence, DOE proposed a schedule for the Woman Creek IM/IRA. EPA thought the schedule could be compressed considerably, and proposed an alternative. Neither proposal reflects the March, 1992, completion date your letter mentioned, and EPA is not aware of any such commitment. Discussions between DOE and EPA on the schedule continue, and we hope to have an agreement within a few weeks. Meanwhile, DOE indicates they are pursuing the initial bench-scale treatability work to the extent possible under existing field conditions.

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EPA shares your concern, and your desire to see appropriate actions taken as expeditiously as possible; we will continue working toward that end. If you have further questions or comments about the progress of the OU 2 IM/IRAs, please contact Bill Fraser at 294-1132.

Sincerely,



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